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JENS IVERSON WESTENGARD, Bemis Professor of International Law, died on Tuesday, September 17, less than a week before the opening of the present school year. His illness was brief and not generally known so that his death came as a shock to his colleagues and to his students. An account of his life and services and tributes to his memory will appear in the December issue. At this time we can do no more than recall his unfailing patience, his uniform courtesy, his tactfulness proceeding from a kind heart and a tolerant mind, and his clearness in exposition. Behind these qualities lay a vigorous but disciplined understanding and a strong will which carried him forward in a notable career despite many obstacles. He was one of the editors of the HARVARD LAW REVIEW in the years 1896-97 and 1897-98.

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THE HARVARD LAW SCHOOL in general, and this REVIEW in particular, have suffered a severe loss by the death in action of Lieutenant D. E. Dunbar. He is the first editor of the HARVARD LAW REVIEW to lose his life in the present war. Graduating with the highest distinction from the School in 1917, he was for his last year Note Editor of the REVIEW. He was especially interested in questions of constitutional law and those in which the economic aspect of the law of public utilities is concerned; and his notes upon cases of this nature are among the best that the LAW REVIEW has published. He was the author of a brilliant essay upon the tin-plate industry which was awarded the Hart, Schaffner and Marx prize in 1915. He was immensely popular both inside and outside the class-room. In the former he was always distinguished by the keenness of his criticism and the width of his interests. He had a real genius for friendship. All those who have known him well realize how ill he can be spared. *Nil tetigit quod non ornavit.*

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THE HARVARD LAW SCHOOL holds high its head in patriotic pride. Not since the fifties have there been so few students in the class-room. From over eight hundred and fifty two years ago the attendance has dropped to about seventy. Those who returned did so only because there was no war service for which they were fit.

Under these conditions the REVIEW faced this year the most serious situation in its entire history. Of last year's editors only one, the treasurer-elect, came back. The choice of new men was necessarily limited. But although the staff will be small and the cases fewer, the same high standard of former years will be maintained. Quantity will be sacrificed to quality.

It should not go unnoted that but for the war Arthur D. Platt of Portland, Oregon, would be president of this year's board of editors. At the spring meeting he was elected to the office, but was reclassified during the summer by his draft board and called into service. Clifton Murphy of Georgetown, South Carolina and Harold Reindel of Cleveland, Ohio, had been appointed by him as note and case editor respectively. The former is already in service and the latter is waiting to be called.

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THE LAW SCHOOL.—The attendance in the school, as was to be expected, has been still further reduced by the war. The total registration at present (October 18) is 69, distributed as follows: First year, 18; Second year, 16; Third year, 20; Graduates, 3; Unclassified, 11; Special, 1.

The vacancies in the teaching staff caused by the death of Professor Westengard and the return of Professor Bates to Michigan have been temporarily filled by the appointment of Manley O. Hudson as lecturer for the current year and of George J. Thompson as Ezra Ripley Thayer Teaching Fellow.

Mr. Hudson received the degrees of A.B. and A.M. from William Jewell College in 1906 and 1907 respectively. He received the degree of LL.B. *cum laude* from this school in 1910 and that of S.J.D. in 1917. Immediately upon graduation in 1910 he was appointed a professor of law at the University of Missouri, where he remained until recently called to Washington as special Legal Adviser to the Department of State. He will teach here Property III and International Law.

Mr. George J. Thompson received the degree of S.B. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1909 and the degrees of LL.B. and S.J.D. from this school in 1912 and 1918 respectively. For two and one-half years he taught law at Pei Yang University in Tientsin, China. He will give the course in Public Utilities.

The following additional changes in courses have been made necessary: Constitutional Law and the entire course in Torts will be given by Dean Pound. Partnership will be given by Asst. Professor Chafee.

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ENGLISH AND AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION OF ROMAN LAW.—It is no doubt gratifying to the student of the common law to see it gradually pushing out the modern Roman law wherever through extension of British or American political power the two systems are brought into